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COVER ACTION: A smiling Alan Thompson is featured on the front cover tonight and he certainly has reason to smile. Coming on as a first-half substitute at Reading last Saturday he shattered 'The Royals' defence with two fine opportunist goals. Not only is he a goalscorer but a Dad as well, as on October 16th his pretty young wife Glynis presented him with a baby daughter. Glynis and Alan would like to thank all those supporters who so kindly sent cards and kindest wishes on the arrival of Nicola Danielle. Baby Nicola already has a blue and white teddy in County's colours, so she's learning fast. Glad to report mother and youngster are doing just fine.



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MIKE'S VIEW



PLAYER/MANAGER MIKE SUMMERBEE

LAST Saturday's performance at Reading and in the game before at Northampton, was really first class. I was really proud the way my side took the game to our opponents. Remember, that Reading were protecting a 100% home record in the League before our visit, but to be truthful, we were a class above them. The team gave me everything and had you all been there, then I'm sure you would have been just as proud of them as I was.

Take our veteran defender, Graham Smith, now I don't usually single out players in my squad, but what a magnificent job he did for me. You regular followers will no doubt know that Graham had not played in a first team game all season. Yet his attitude and determination were a credit to himself and to his team mates, he gave me 100%. What more could I ask for? It's typical really of the attitude of my squad at the present, we are playing now as a unit, playing to complement each other, but most important of all, playing together as a team. No side achieves success without that formula.

Entertainment? Well I'm sure you will agree we are achieving that now as our average home League attendances are far more healthier than in recent seasons. Really the potential of the side is frightening. However, even though we are a little nearer to that consistency I recently talked to you about, there is still a long way to go, still a lot of things to be got right. But the signs are now definitely there.

Alan Thompson came on as a first-half substitute for George Armstrong (who pulled a thigh muscle) at Elm Park and his reaction was just the same. He took it about himself to get quickly established back in the side with two superb opportunist goals bringing us from 2-1 down to 3-2 in front. It's making it mighty difficult for me to know who to leave out each week. Even I am finding it difficult to win my place back, but what a position for a Manager to be in.

Those of you who stayed away from our fixture with Zeljeznicar Sarajevo, will no doubt feel you missed a feast of entertainment! Well you would be right, it was a superb match, played on a filthy evening. I think the Yugoslavs were surprised at our ability to play as we did, not that it surprised me, in fact I thought we were well worth our 4-2 win.

Finally, tonight we warmly welcome to Edgeley Park our near neighbours Wigan Athletic. New to the Football League this season, they have after an indifferent start, apparently managed to get their ship in order. I'm told they have gone 6 games without defeat, however my side will be trying to end that run this evening. We must believe in our ability because I know we have that class, which if things start to go right will eventually take us to the top. I hope you will back us with your valued support.

MIKE SUMMERBEE talking to HOWARD JONES

Next Home Game

FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER 1978

Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

COUNTY RES v MANCHESTER UTD 'A'

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

FACTS 'N' FIGURES

Previous Meetings

Stockport County v Wigan A

(County's result given first)

Football League
Never Met

F.A. Cup
1964-65 1st Rnd won 2-1 home

Football League Cup
Never Met



Mike Summerbee makes a determined effort to reach the ball, but Barnsley keeper, Peter Springett beats him to it, as Phil Chambers blocks Mike's path to goal.



More superb action from the goalless game with Barnsley. Les Bradd and Mike Summerbee get involved with the 'Tykes' defenders. Phil Chambers and Mike McCarthy. Looking for the loose ball is County's Terry Park.

photographs courtesy Stockport Advertiser

"Flashback"

with DAVID HILTON

It's good to see Wigan playing League football here tonight. Consistently one of the top non-League clubs in Britain, they earned a reputation as cup-fighters and many will recall the First Round tie played at Edgeley Park almost 14 years ago. At the time County were at the bottom of the Fourth Division while Wigan topped the Cheshire League.

County suffered two severe setbacks after half an hour of the tie. First Porteous pulled a muscle and had to struggle on as substitutes were still outlawed. Within minutes Wigan scored through Lyon. Parry got into trouble with a high ball in the strong wind and the Wigan centre-forward headed his 19th goal of the season. Wigan's 3,000 following went wild, showering the County goal with toilet rolls. Referee Corbett was not impressed and threatened to abandon the game as there was a recurrence.

In the second half County equalised from a twice taken penalty after Houghton brought down Sandford. Regular taker Watt was out with a broken arm so Eckersall stepped up to level the scores.

County's winning goal, ten minutes from time was the result of a seven man move, starting with Mulhearn. When the ball reached Beaumont, he hit his shot with such force that Halsall could only push it against the underside of the bar. John Nibloe was there to carefully steer it home with his forehead. Sadly it was to be one of his last games for County. Two weeks later he tragically lost his life when his car crashed on his way home after playing at Newport.

For County, the F.A. Cup proved welcome relief from a disastrous league campaign. Grimsby and Bristol Rovers were knocked out in the next rounds and Len White nearly carved a place in history when his goal looked for so long like humbling the champions at Anfield.

Saturday 14 Nov. 1964. County 2 Wigan A 1
Stockport County: Mulhearn, Collins, Cuthbert, Eckersall, Parry, Porteous, Hodgkinson, Beaumont, Sandiford, Nibloe, Phoenix.

Wigan Athletic: Halsall, Wilkinson, Crank, Crompton, Houghton, Roper, Campbell, Davenport, Lyon, Brown, Grundy.

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TOTAL MILEAGE 206.7

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BOOK MEETS EDITOR



On a recent trip to Frankfurt, West Germany, Matchday Magazine Editor, Howard Jones came face to face with Manchester City Manager, Tony Book. The photo shows them just about to board their Lufthansa jet for the return trip to Manchester.

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FIXTURES

1978-79

KEY: HOME MATCHES IN CAPITALS

- 12 Playing substitute
s Non playing substitute
1 Player injured or withdrawn
* Star Man
Booked
x Sent off

1978-79	League Opponents	Last time	F.A.	Scorers	All	Rodan	Halford	Rutter	Thompson	Park	Fogarty	Summerbee
19 Aug (Sat)	DARLINGTON	1-0 (77-8)	3-0	Bradd 2, Craig (OG)	3,626	1	12	3	4	5	6	7
22 Aug (Tues)	Halifax Town	1-1 (77-8)	1-2	Lee	2,253	1	12	3	4	5	6	7
26 Aug (Sat)	Newport County	2-2 (77-8)	2-1	Bradd, Lee	2,659	1	s	3	4	5	6	7
1 Sept (Fri)	WIMBLEDON	2-2 (77-8)	0-1	—	5,604	1	8	3	4	5	6	7
9 Sept (Sat)	Bradford City	3-3 (76-7)	1-1	Thompson	5,001	1	—	3	4	5	6	7
11 Sept (Mon)	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	6-0 (77-8)	4-0	Lee, Edwards, Halford, Thompson	4,247	1	12	3	4	5	6	7
15 Sept (Fri)	YORK CITY	2-0 (77-8)	2-0	Lee 2	6,103	1	—	3	4	12	—	7
23 Sept (Sat)	Scunthorpe United	0-3 (77-8)	0-1	—	2,961	1	—	3	4	12	—	7
27 Sept (Wed)	Crewe Alexandra	1-1 (77-8)	2-2	Lee, Prudham	2,777	1	—	3	4	5	6	7
29 Sept (Fri)	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	0-1 (77-8)	3-1	Bradd 2, Lee	5,554	1	—	3	4	5	6	7
7 Oct (Sat)	Doncaster Rovers	0-1 (77-8)	0-2	—	2,742	1	—	3	4	5	6	7
13 Oct (Fri)	BARNSELY	3-0 (77-8)	0-0	—	9,054	1	—	3	4	5	6	7
16 Oct (Mon)	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	2-1 (77-8)	1-0	Bradd	4,092	1	12	3	—	5	4	10
21 Oct (Sat)	Northampton Town	1-2 (77-8)	2-2	Lee, Bradd	3,867	1	—	3	—	5	4	10
28 Oct (Sat)	Reading	1-2 (77-8)	3-3	Thompson 2, Lee	7,054	1	—	3	12	5	4	10
3 Nov (Fri)	WIGAN ATHLETIC	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11 Nov (Sat)	Wimbledon	0-2 (77-8)	0-2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
17 Nov (Sat)	NEWPORT COUNTY	2-0 (77-8)	0-0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 Dec (Fri)	GRIMSBY TOWN	2-0 (77-8)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9 Dec (Sat)	Port Vale	1-1 (66-7)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
23 Dec (Sat)	Aldershot	1-2 (77-8)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
26 Dec (Tues)	HEREFORD UNITED	1-1 (72-3)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
29 Dec (Fri)	PORTSMOUTH	3-3 (25-6)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 Jan (Mon)	Rochdale	1-2 (77-8)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6 Jan (Sat)	Hartlepool United	0-2 (77-8)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
12 Jan (Fri)	BRADFORD CITY	1-1 (76-7)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20 Jan (Sat)	York City	1-2 (77-8)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
26 Jan (Fri)	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	1-1 (77-8)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3 Feb (Sat)	CREWE ALEXANDRA	1-2 (77-8)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10 Feb (Sat)	Huddersfield Town	0-0 (77-8)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
16 Feb (Fri)	DONCASTER ROVERS	1-1 (77-8)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
24 Feb (Sat)	Barnsley	1-0 (77-8)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2 Mar (Fri)	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	1-2 (77-8)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9 Mar (Fri)	READING	2-0 (77-8)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
17 Mar (Sat)	Wigan Athletic	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
23 Mar (Fri)	HALIFAX TOWN	1-3 (77-8)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
27 Mar (Tues)	Darlington	2-2 (77-8)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30 Mar (Fri)	TORQUAY UNITED	3-0 (77-8)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7 Apr (Sat)	Grimsbey Town	0-0 (77-8)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9 Apr (Mon)	ALDERSHOT	2-1 (77-8)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
14 Apr (Sat)	Hereford United	0-1 (72-3)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
16 Apr (Mon)	ROCHDALE	2-0 (77-8)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
21 Apr (Sat)	Portsmouth	0-4 (25-6)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
24 Apr (Tues)	AFC Bournemouth	0-1 (77-8)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
27 Apr (Fri)	PORT VALE	1-1 (66-7)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 May (Sat)	Torquay United	0-2 (77-8)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
29 July (Sat)	Clester	C.P.C.	0-2	—	1,138	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
14 Aug (Mon)	Shrewsbury T.	F.L.I.	0-1	—	2,435	1	5	3	4	5	6	7
16 Aug (Wed)	SHREWSBURY T.	F.L.I.	3-1	Lee 2, Bradd	4,035	1	5	3	4	5	6	7
30 Aug (Wed)	MANCHESTER UTD.	F.L.I. at Old Trafford	2-3	Thompson (P.L. Park)	42,834	1	8	3	4	5	6	7
19 Sep (Tue)	TRANMERE ROV	C.P.C.	0-1	—	802	—	8	3	—	5	4	10
24 Oct (Tue)	ZELJEZNICAR	I.F.M.	4-2	Henson, Rutter, Bradd 2	2,642	1	14	3	81	5	4	10
30 Oct (Mon)	CREWE ALEX	C.P.C.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

LES BRADD GRABS OUR WIN



County striker, Les Bradd, stabs home the winner during Bournemouth. The chance came after the visitors' keeper Lee's superb header.



REMEMBER I'M IN CHARGE

RON BRIDGES (Deeside)

Began as a referee during 1958, progressing to League status in 1974 after serving his apprenticeship in the Cheshire County League. Ran the line during the 1976 European Cup match Bayern Munich v Real Madrid. Married with two sons, he is a distribution manager and his interests are gardening and keep fit, as well as being Secretary of a local Football League.

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INNER AGAINST AFC!



ing our last home League game with AFC
per Kenny Allen was unable to hold Stuart

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WHERE THEY HIT THE NET!

	County	Visitors
HEADLE END	10	1
LOWAY END	6	2

(Including League and Cup matches)

HOW WE STAND 78-9!

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 4

(Up to and including Sat. 28 Oct.)

		F	D	L	F	D	L	F	A	P	
Winnib	15	7	1	0	17	7	2	3	11	11	48.24
Reading	15	7	1	0	17	8	2	3	1	10	44.24
Grimsby	15	4	2	2	18	0	9	3	2	1	44.40
Bamster	15	4	2	1	13	6	3	4	1	8	50.20
Perthshire	15	4	2	1	1	30	2	3	1	43	14.40
Perthshire	15	4	2	1	1	30	2	3	1	43	14.40
Stockport	15	6	1	1	13	2	1	4	3	3	11.14
Alldridge	15	3	3	1	11	6	3	4	2	8	9.17
Harlequin	15	3	3	2	15	11	3	2	2	6	10.17
Harlequin	15	3	3	2	15	11	3	2	2	6	10.17
Harlequin	15	3	4	0	9	9	2	3	1	15	15.15
Northall	15	4	3	0	14	6	1	2	5	8	15.16
Wigan	16	6	0	3	11	8	1	3	3	3	8.15
Wigan	16	6	0	3	11	8	1	3	3	3	8.15
Scunthorpe	16	7	2	2	10	9	2	1	4	5	12.15
P. Vale	15	0	5	2	9	11	4	0	4	14	12.13
Newport	16	1	3	4	8	12	3	2	1	11	10.13
Cardiff	16	2	3	4	8	12	3	2	1	4	7.11
Cardiff	16	2	3	4	8	12	3	2	1	4	7.11
Brad C	15	2	3	3	13	12	2	0	6	7	18.12
Crews	15	2	3	4	11	16	1	4	2	5	12.12
Doncaster	15	2	4	3	8	9	0	1	5	8	15.11
Doncaster	15	2	4	3	8	9	0	1	5	8	15.11
Halifax	15	1	5	3	11	0	1	3	4	19	8.11

RESERVE FIXTURES

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE DIVISION 1

1978-79	Opponents	F.A.
19 Aug (Sat.)	Oldham Athletic Res...	0-5
25 Aug (Fri.)	TRANMERE ROV. Res...	3-3
2 Sept. (Fri.)	Carlisle United Res...	0-0
8 Sept (Fri.)	BRADFORD CITY Res...	1-2
22 Sept (Fri.)	CHESTER 'A'...	0-2
30 Sept. (Sat.)	Manchester City 'A'...	1-3
6 Oct. (Fri.)	CREWE ALEXANDRA 'A'...	2-1
14 Oct. (Sat.)	Port Vale Res...	2-2
20 Oct. (Fri.)	MACCLESFIELD T. Res...	1-2
27 Oct. (Fri.)	WIGAN ATHLETIC Res...	0-8
3 Nov. (Fri.)	Tranmere Rovers Res...	
10 Nov. (Fri.)	MANCHESTER UTD. 'A'...	

BEFORE THE GAME TONIGHT—A
DISPLAY BY THE GREATER
MANCHESTER POLICE

"I'm sorry—I just didn't see him!"

It's not usual to find motor-cycles featured in one of our programmes, but tonight we want to give them a mention.

The Road Safety Departments of Greater Manchester Council, and the police are concerned about the high incidence of accidents involving motor-cyclists. There's no doubt that in many of these accidents, a contributory factor was the difficulty of seeing the rider who, in dark clothing, too often merges with the background.

In fact, dark gear, particularly at night or in poor visibility, isn't just unwise—it can be downright dangerous!

It's going to need the combined efforts of both drivers *and* riders to get rid, once and for all, of that age-old excuse "I'm sorry, I just didn't see him."

EXPRESS - ING A VIEW



LEN NOAD Sports Editor
Stockport Express

"They are reminiscent of the Busby Babes" - that's what I read recently. So, the very first chance I had, I took a trip to see Crystal Palace in action for myself.

All right, I must have caught them on one of their very rare off days. But, you know, critics should be very careful of making such extravagant comparisons.

Incidentally, on this particular day, the former Manchester United assistant manager, Jimmy Murphy, was also present.

As Murphy was the man who discovered and drilled most of those outstanding footballers, so many of whom were to die at Munich, I hadn't the heart to discuss this matter with him afterwards.

For Jimmy must have believed, as I did, that the immortality of what we all fondly accepted was the most brilliant array of young talent English football had ever produced, was going to remain unshattered.

That Terry Venables has gathered together a team of youngsters of undoubted promise is without question. But when one talks of the Busby Babes, one is talking of something extra special.

For instance, has there ever been so complete a player as Duncan Edwards? How many caps would this powerfully-built young man have collected but for that tragic plane crash?

Has anybody seen, since, the sheer artistry of little Eddie Coleman? The goal-getting threat of Tommy Taylor? And has there been a full-back to compare with Roger Byrne, the proud captain of the Reds, who was destined, until fate stepped in, surely, to become one of the game's most notable managers?

Remember that this was a young team that had yet to reach maturity. Yet the quality of their football, their outstanding sportsmanship, and the sheer excitement they brought to the English soccer scene will live with all those of us who marvelled at their displays for as long as we live.

Boost our game as much as you can. Heavens above, with nine-men defensive walls and a reluctance to try to win away from home, it certainly needs a shot in the arm.

But, PLEASE, don't make these sort of comparisons, why, they almost bring the present game into disrepute!

FOR YOUR SCRAPBOOK

1977-78

PART 9

The season just gone and perhaps a mixed one in the club's history. A superb nine match unbeaten spell in mid-September, moved the side up from 20th place to 7th and in late February after Darlington's visit to Edgeley Park, into the top four. The progress was not maintained. Alan Thompson, the player/manager resigned as boss and the club eventually finished up in 18th place. A sad end to a season which promised so much.



Back row: Prudham, Fogarty, Summerbee, Park, Fletcher, Rogan, Lawler, Smith, Thorpe, Loadwick.

Front row: McBeth, Massey, Thompson (player/manager), Daniels, Rutter, Jackson, Halford.

photo courtesy Stockport Express

Football League Division 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	H	A
Watford	46	30	11	5	85	38	71	1-3	0-1
Southend U.	46	25	10	11	66	39	60	1-0	2-0
Swansea C.	46	23	10	13	87	47	56	2-0	1-3
Brentford	46	21	14	11	86	54	56	1-1	0-4
Aldershot	46	19	16	11	67	47	54	2-1	0-4
Grimsby T.	46	21	14	11	57	51	53	2-0	0-0
Barnsley	46	18	14	14	61	49	50	3-0	1-0
Reading	46	18	14	14	55	52	50	2-0	1-2
North'lon	46	17	13	16	63	68	47	1-2	1-2
Torquay U.	46	16	15	15	57	56	47	3-0	0-2
Doncaster R.	46	14	17	15	52	65	45	1-1	0-1
Crewe Alex.	46	15	14	17	50	69	44	1-2	1-1
Scun'thrpe	46	14	16	16	50	55	44	1-1	0-3
Wimbledon	46	14	16	16	66	67	44	2-2	0-2
AFC B'm'th	46	14	15	17	41	51	43	2-1	0-1
Newport Co.	46	16	11	19	65	73	43	2-0	2-2
COUNTY	46	16	10	20	56	56	42	-	-
Darlington	46	14	13	19	52	59	41	1-0	2-2
Halifax T.	46	10	21	15	52	62	41	1-3	1-1
Hart'pool U.	46	15	7	24	51	84	37	6-0	0-2
York City	46	12	12	22	50	69	36	2-0	1-2
Southport	46	6	19	21	52	76	31	2-1	0-2
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SOCCERWORD !!

The winner of Soccerword No. 2 was Mr. Keith Willans of Heaton Moor, who correctly submitted a list of 42 Full England International Goalscorers since the war. However his entry wasn't the only correct one received as Mrs. Capper of Denton also managed to get all 42 names, but sadly her entry arrived too late to take first prize. The rules clearly stating that the winning entry would be the first correct one received.

For the second Soccerword, 48 entries were received. The hidden names were:- Allen, Atyeo, Ball, Bridges, Bradley, Baily, Bell, Broadis, Crawford, Currie, Carter, Eastham, Hurst, Haynes, Hitchens, Hunter, Hunt, Kidd, Kay, Keegan, Kevan, Lee, Latchford, Lawton, Mortenson, MacDonald, Marsh, Matthews, Mullen, Moore, Neal, Paine, Revie, Royle, Stiles, Smith, Sewell, Tueart, Violett, Worthington, Weller and Wright.

Now try 'Soccerword No. 3'. Shown is a list of letters in which are hidden the names of at least 55 players who have appeared in 4th Division games this season. Those names read forwards, backwards, up and down, diagonally, never skipping letters. It is important that you encircle each one you find as we have done with Hoy and it's a good idea to make a note of the ones you find.

To the first entry received with the correct number of names in alphabetical order, corresponding with that of the Editor, will receive two stand tickets for the game on November 17th, when we host Newport. Entries on a postcard only please to:- 'Soccerword No. 3', 13 Stonepail Close, Gatley, Cheshire. Closing date Friday 10th November.

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WIGAN ATHLETIC F.C.



Ground:
Springfield Park

Manager:
Ian McNeill

Onlooker's Verdict:
Large ground, covered on three sides, but very old-fashioned.

Mark out of 10: 6

Back row:- Smart, Houghton, Davids, Gay (now Macclesfield), Brown, Corrigan, Ward, Hinnigan, Wright.
Front row:- McNeill (Manager), Crompton, Seddon (now left club), Gore, Gillibrand, Wilkie, Purdie, Banks (Trainer)

photograph courtesy County Press, Wigan.

Meet the Visitors...



ARTHUR HORROCKS

After years of determined effort and hard work, Wigan's Chairman, Arthur Horrocks, can now look back with a little smile on his face and say "Well it was all worth while."

A 46 year battle to get into League Football was finally realised when in June last near neighbours Southport were voted out on a second-ballot at London's Cafe Royal. Pity really that for them it should be Southport to go out, because, believe it or not that would have been 'Latics' local derby. In fact that honour now passes to ourselves and Rochdale, being the nearest to their Springfield Park home. The season began in a cloud, but recent results suggest all is now well with the League's newest addition.

JOHN BROWN (Goalkeeper) Born Bradford 5' 11", 12st.7lbs. Played in 58 competitive matches for the Lancashire club last term after signing three years ago from ourselves. Whilst at Edgeley Park, John made 41 first team appearances, sharing the goal keeping duties with Alan Ogley. Began his League career with Preston North End for whom he made 67 appearances. Has been ever present so far this season.

KEVIN SMART (Defender) Born High Heaton, 5' 8", 10st.6lbs. A close season acquisition from Third Division Plymouth Argyle. Was ever

present last term for the Pilgrims up until New Years' Day, when he was substituted during the fixture with Wrexham at Home Park. In all he made 32 first team appearances for the West Country side, 23 of which coming last term. Got into the Wigan side at Reading on August 26th and has been a regular ever since.

JOE HINNIGAN (Defender) Born Liverpool, 6', 11st. Up until mid-September Joe had only missed one game in the No.3 shirt. Joined the paid ranks at Springfield Park four seasons ago, making a total of 66 appearances in the first team last term. Signed for a four figure fee, 4½ years ago from Northern Premier League side, South Liverpool. Now an established member at the back of the side's defence. Had the distinction of scoring the club's first ever League goal.

TOMMY GORE (Midfield) Born Liverpool, 5'8", 11st. Originally with Liverpool moving to Tranmere Rovers after never making the 'Reds' first team. Joined 'Latics' five seasons ago and last term was voted the club's Player of the Year. So far this season he has been ever present. Scoring the club's goal which gave the club it's first ever away League win at York in late September.

NOEL WARD (Defender) Born Straban, 6'2" 13st. Began his career with Portadown in the Fiat Irish League before signing for Scottish Premier League, Aberdeen. Whilst at Pittodrie he made 7 full first team appearances and joined Wigan from there over two seasons ago. Ever present this term at the heart of the club's defence, scoring once.

DAVE FRETWELL (Midfield) Born Normanton. 5'9", 10st. 9lbs. Signed in early October from Bradford City after over 250 appearances for the Paraders, scoring five times. Made 36 appearances last season for the Yorkshire club and made his Wigan debut in the 0-0 draw at Huddersfield on October 7th. Just returned from a spell playing in the NASL with California 'Sunshine'.

FRANK CORRIGAN (Forward) Born Liverpool 5'10", 11st. Arrived at Springfield Park during last season from Northern Premier League, Northwich Victoria, where he played a major part in 'Vics' great cup run of 1976-77 season. A superb ball player who has also been ever present in the side this season. Has netted twice so far this term.

JEFF WRIGHT (Midfield) Born Alston. 5'11", 11st. 3lbs. Made a grand total of 67 outings in the Latics first team last season, netting on 15 occasions. Ever present this term netting on one occasion. Joined the Lancashire club from Northern Premier League, Netherfield, four seasons ago.

MICKEY MOORE (Forward) Born Chorley. 5'9½", 10st. 11lbs. Signed from Port Vale in late August for £2,000 making his debut for 'Latics' in the 2-3 home defeat to Newport County on September 2nd. Whilst at Port Vale he made 13 League appearances, all of which were during last season, coming into the Potteries club's first team for the visit of Swindon Town in mid-March.

DEREK BROWNBILL (Striker) Born Liverpool. 5'9", 10st. 10lbs. Signed in early September from Port Vale, where he made close on 100 appearances in the 'Valiants' first team, scoring on 13 occasions. Made 21 appearances last term during the side's relegation campaign. Has been an instant hit with the Wigan fans since his signing, netting a match winning goal in the game v Scunthorpe United at Springfield Park and a point save in a 1-1 draw at Huddersfield.

IAN PURDIE (Forward) Born Lanark. 5'9", 11st. Signed during the summer from Scottish Premier League side Motherwell, making 16 appearances for the Fir Park club last term, scoring 3 times. A former Scottish U-23 International who has had previous experience with Aberdeen and Dundee. Has been ever present this season, netting on four occasions, two of which were the winning goals in last Saturday's encounter with Northampton Town.

PETER HOUGHTON (Forward) Born Liverpool. 5'11", 12st. 10lbs. Scored 10 goals in 19 appearances last term 2 of which as a substitute after a signing from N.P.L. South Liverpool. Began the season in the No. 9 shirt but was replaced after the side's goalless start to the season. Has now worked his way back into the first team reckoning.

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WIGAN ATHLETIC

(Yellow/Green)

1. JOHN BROWN
2. KEVIN SMART
3. JOE HINNIGAN
4. TOMMY GORE
5. NOEL WARD
6. DAVE FRETWELL
7. FRANK CORRIGAN
8. JEFF WRIGHT
9. MICKEY MOORE
10. DEREK BROWNBILL
11. IAN PURDIE
12. PETER HOUGHTON

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